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5. All of the estates our Office opens and administers for CLJA decedents are in addition to our normal annual caseload of non-CLJA estates which our Office ordinarily administers.

6. We perform our professional duties pursuant to North Carolina law and using forms promulgated by the North Carolina Administrative Office of Courts so that the appointed estate representatives may resolve estates, pursue claims if that is their goal and otherwise exercise their legal rights and duties.

7. Based on a review of our records, we have provided some information regarding trends in case filings in the Onslow Clerk's Office for estates. *See Exhibit 1.*

8. The records reflect with regard to CLJA-related estate proceedings that were filed and opened with our Office, starting in February 2022:

Month	New estate files opened
February 2022	2
March 2022	4
April 2022	2
May 2022	4
June 2022	5
July 2022	7
August 2022	7
Sept 2022	23
October 2022	27
Nov 2022	29
December 2022	43
Total 2022:	153 estate files.

9. As shown above, the number of CLJA files we opened for Camp Lejeune decedents in 2022 came to 153 files. As shown below, this total for 2022 increased by over 15 (fifteen) times for 2023:

Month	New files opened.	Old files re-opened.
January 2023	43	10
February 2023	64	21
March 2023	129	37
April 2023	112	17
May 2023	195	23
June 2023	186	10
July 2023	201	44
August 2023	290	28
September 2023	255	27
October 2023	276	9
November 2023	295	16
December 2023	289	13
Total 2023:	New: 2,335	Reopened: 244
Grand Total for 2023: 2,579.		

10. As shown above, starting in 2023, CLJA claimants also began to file proceedings with our Office to reopen previously closed estates. When those 2023 file re-openings are combined with the 2023 new file openings, the grand total for 2023 was 2,579 files. This was an unprecedented amount of work to be placed upon our limited staff and has resulted in an increasing backlog of incoming materials and applications for the opening of yet more new and re-opened estates. The current backlog is about 250 cases.

11. The information our Office has for year 2024 so far shows:

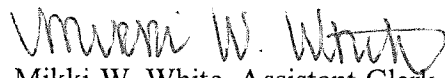
Month	New files opened.	Old file re-opened.
January 2024	267	31
February 2024	307	40
March 2024	414	43
April 2024		
Total so far 2024:	New: 988	Reopened: 114
Grand Total: 1,102.		

12. Opening each estate file is a significant task. Our Office must complete a series of steps and address numerous varieties of incoming telephone calls, emails and other correspondence, hand-delivered materials and filings to include 90-day inventories and annual

accountings for the duration of the litigation case and mailed documents. Our Office has limited resources.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 23rd day of April in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mikki W. White". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Mikki W. White, Assistant Clerk of Court